

On Sunday, October 30, a wake was held for the Clairemont Avenue Greenspace in Decatur, located next to the Courtyard Marriott, and across the street from the Decatur Welcome Center. The ceremony, held after the Decatur Haints and Saints parade, was attended by 13 people. A reading of "The Giving Tree" was performed by Paula Collins, and members of Downtown Decatur Park - a volunteer organization promoting greenspace in Decatur - paid their respects to Mother Earth and Dan Patillo, the visionary behind the greenspace. "I was sniffing a little inside the tree," said Courtney, who was inside the cardboard tree made by Collins. George, head of Downtown Decatur Park, said the grassy field, along with its trees, will be demolished later this fall to pave way for a Hampton Inn, making this wake the last event to be held there. He was wearing a green ribbon around his head, the same one the trees around the field were sporting - tied around their trunks only a year earlier in support of Decatur's greenspaces - as he thanked everyone for coming.

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